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Tropical Storm Malakas Passing Fais in Yap State; Gusty Winds Prevail Across the Marianas

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor Tropical Storm Malakas as it passes near Fais in Yap State.

As of 7 a.m., the system was located near latitude 10.1 degrees north and longitude 141.5 degrees east, about 70 miles east-northeast of Fais in Yap State and 320 miles southwest of Guam. It is currently moving northwest at 18 mph with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph. Malakas is expected to pass Fais and Ulithi in Yap State this morning and make its closest point of approach to Yap this afternoon or evening.

Although a direct impact is not expected for the Marianas, gusty winds prevail as Malakas continues to intensify. East winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts to over 40 mph are possible in heavy showers. Winds will be higher in steep terrain. The community is advised to use caution when driving, especially if operating a high profile vehicle. Secure loose outdoor objects as gusty winds could blow around unsecured objects.

Increased showers and thunderstorms are possible through today and into early next week. For Guam, 3 to 6 inches of rainfall is possible through Monday as Malakas passes to the southwest and into the Philippine Sea. Locally higher amounts of rainfall are possible.

The following advisories remain in place for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan:

A **wind advisory** remains in effect until 6 p.m. Monday. East winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts to over 40 mph are possible in heavy showers. Winds will be higher in steep terrain.

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect through late tonight. Large breaking waves of 10 to 12 feet are expected. Dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion are expected.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect through late tonight. Dangerous rip currents are expected along east facing reefs. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect until 6 a.m. Monday. East winds of 20 to 30 knots, with gusts up to 35 knots, and seas of 9 to 12 feet are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in coordination with NWS, will continue to monitor all systems in the region and provide updates. The community is advised to remain out of the water to avoid hazardous surf and seas.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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